



HIPAA Update



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2005 CHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

**DMH Bateson Building
Conference Room 470
10:00 am - 3:00pm**

DATE	HOST
Jan 12, 2005	DHS
Mar 9, 2005	DMH
May 11, 2005	ADP
Jul 13, 2005	DHS
Sep 14, 2005	DMH
Nov 9, 2005	ADP

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CHIP EOB/835 SUB-WORKGROUP UPDATE

The FFP Approved Amount is now available on the 835 in the QA test environment for counties to test with DMH. Migration to production is scheduled for mid December 2004.

The next EOB/835 meeting will be scheduled in January 2005.

TRANSLATOR NEWS!!!

The Third Party Liability (TPL) table in the translator was updated to correct erroneous TPL code errors. The table now contains the old TPL values used for other health carriers.

NATIONAL PROVIDER IDENTIFIER (NPI) RULE

The following is a synopsis of the final HIPAA National Provider Identifier (NPI) Rule.

1/23/2004 - Published in the Federal Register

5/23/2005 - Effective date of the final rule

5/23/2007 - Compliance date for all covered entities (except small health plans)

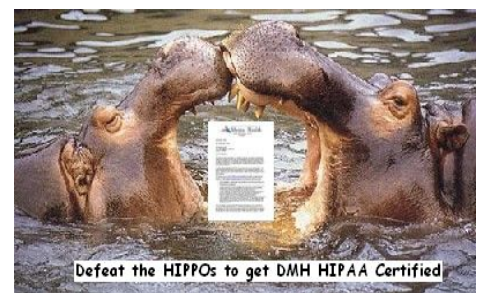
5/23/2008 - Compliance date for small health plans

It should be noted that the effective date of May 23, 2005 is not the compliance date. There is significant work required by the federal government to issue National Provider Identification numbers and the Department of Health Human Services (DHHS) will begin to take applications for

this number after the effective date of May 23, 2005. From that date, there will be a two-year period for covered entities (except small health plans who will get three years) to become compliant with using these NPI's in standard transactions.

DMH HIPAA SD/MC CERTIFIED COUNTIES

COUNTY	DATE
Los Angeles	Apr 30, 2004
Tehama	Jun 29, 2004
Sacramento	Jul 19, 2004
Santa Clara	Sep 15, 2004
Mono	Sep 24, 2004
Modoc	Sep 28, 2004
Glenn	Oct 5, 2004
Amador	Oct 6, 2004
Nevada	Nov 2, 2004
San Benito	Nov 2, 2004
Colusa	Nov 9, 2004
Del Norte	Nov 9, 2004



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DMH. Please update your address book.
Thank you!

SD/MC HIPAA Testing Update

The translator, after running for over a year now, has a proven track record. A special thank you goes out to Srikanth Karre (R Systems) who was contracted by DMH to support the translator efforts and assist counties in completing their HIPAA certification process of 837/835 transactions.

Over the last two months, eight timeshare counties with The Echo Group have certified with DMH. These counties are submitting successful HIPAA production 837 files.

There has been a significant increase in county planning and preparation to complete the certification process with DMH. The number of counties testing increased from three to twelve over the last month.

DMH has improved the testing process and 835 turn around time (2-3 days) through improvements to the ITWS.

COUNTY HIPAA TESTING Q&A

Q: Can production claims that are already submitted in proprietary format for HIPAA 837 test transactions be submitted to DMH?

A: Yes. Claims already submitted using the proprietary format can be submitted with an 837 test file without any problems. The production and test SD/MC systems are two separate systems. They do not share any claim data.

Q: If a clinician provided a billable service that took 25 minutes, should the number of units be rolled up or down? Would it be 1 unit or 2 units, or something different?

A: Please refer to "Table B – MINUTE TO UNITS CONVERSION" in the DMH Companion Guide for details on how to convert minutes to units. URL for the DMH Companion Guide is:
<http://www.dmh.ca.gov/hipaa/tcs.asp#8>

Q: Will the EOB be discontinued in the future?

A: Eventually, when the 835 is completely HIPAA compliant and meets county needs, the EOB will no longer be provided to the county for download. DMH has elected to wait until the SD/MC Phase II assessment and recommendations are completed before making a decision on discontinuing the EOB.

Q: Does DMH have a cut-off date for counties to be HIPAA compliant with 837/835 transactions?

A: DMH is not considering a cut-off date at this time. DMH has elected to wait for the SD/MC Phase II assessment and recommendations are completed before making a decision.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!